

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

FRUIT OF THE WORD

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$2,773.00 | \$1,841.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 105 | 75 |
| Total Pledge for 2017 | \$175,815.00 | \$188,514.00 |
| Pledged to Date (28 Weeks) | \$92,390.00 | \$98,524.00 |
| Received to Date | \$89,572.56 | \$77,427.20 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | \$2,817.44 | \$21,096.80 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$226.00 | \$7,893.00 |

Nineteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 2017 Parish Goal | \$25,705.00 |
| Amount Received to Date | \$6,486.41 |
| Amount Outstanding | \$19,218.59 |

Three people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2017 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$25.00 | \$6,526.00 |

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$12.00.

18 **CHILDREN** contributed \$156.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$74.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 120 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 105.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Once upon a time an old man spread rumors that his neighbor was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested, days later he was proven innocent. After being released, he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him. In court, the old man told the judge,

"They were just comments, they didn't harm anyone."

The judge, before passing sentence on the case, told the old man, "Write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut it up into little pieces and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out of your car window. Tomorrow, come back and hear the sentence."

The next day, the judge told the old man, "Before receiving the sentence, I want you to go out and gather up all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said, "I can't do that! The wind spread them all over the place and I won't know where to find them."

Then the judge replied, "The same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honor of a person to such an extent that a person will not be able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all. Let's all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves to our words."

"Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honor, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance but when your tongue slips, you can **NEVER** recover your words!"

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Tommy Joseph and Dominique in thanks for their baby girl, Courtlyn;
2. And a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to Jesus, Mary, Joseph, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Theresa of the Little Flower and St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for Infirm Priests. Please be generous.

SEE THE OPPORTUNITY There was a man who once bought a small railroad that had been losing money for years. He got it at a real bargain, but those who sold it to him secretly laughed at what they called his poor judgment. He closed the railroad, sold the rails and equipment at a good price, and found himself with thousands of acres of real estate that had formerly been right-of-way.

The former owners had looked at it as a losing railroad; he looked at it as an opportunity to acquire valuable land.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A despondent woman was walking along the beach when she saw a bottle on the sand. She picked it up and pulled out the cork. *Whoosh!* A big puff of smoke appeared.

“You have released me from my prison.” The genie told her. “To show my thanks, I grant you three wishes. But take care, for with each wish, your mate will receive double of whatever you request.”

“Why?” the woman asked. “That bum left me for another woman.” “That is how it is written,” replied the genie. The woman shrugged and then asked for a million dollars. There was a flash and a million dollars appeared at her feet. Her husband received twice that amount.

“And your second wish?” “I want the world’s most expensive diamond necklace.” She received the necklace and her husband received two necklaces.

“Genie is it really true that my husband has two million dollars and more jewels than I do, and that he gets double of whatever I wish for?” The genie said it was indeed true.

“Okay, genie, I’m ready for my last wish,” the woman said “Scare me half to death.”

RIGHT ATTITUDE

**Heavy rains reminds us of challenges in life.
Never ask for a lighter rain.
Just pray for a better umbrella.
This is the right attitude.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Thursday: St. Apollinaris
Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the souls of Jack Dempsey, Nora Dempsey, Johnny Mumbo and Jim Carroll.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Sr. Rita Kinch on the 2nd Anniversary of her death.
Wednesday: In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
Thursday: In honor of St. Expedite.
Friday: In honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

**Although life is sometimes harsh and unbearable,
God’s love has always shown
That our hardships are not anyway comparable
To His blessings that we have known.**

**Although you have strived and not succeeded,
You are not alone,
For many have sought His Word and not heeded
The lessons it has told.**

**Although you have felt God’s love so profound,
You do not know why He loves you so,
For you were lost but now you are found,
And His love you will always know.**

Linda Altea

READERS

Sat. July 15th, 4:00 P.M. Rita Weaver & Miranda
Sun. July 16th, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. July 22nd, 4:00 P.M. Dayna & Mary Melissa
Sun. July 23rd, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria Cat & Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday Theresa Maria Cat
Tuesday Melissa Ann
Wednesday Ann Rita
Thursday Sable
Friday Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. Front Left Cup
July 15th Bridget Ann Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

July 16th Pete Man’s Nora Rose Marie
July 23rd Pete Man’s Nora Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Rose Marie
Tuesday Pete Man’s Nora
Wednesday Ann T.
Thursday Rose Marie
Friday Bridget Ann

MERCY

Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice.

THE DEFINITION OF MONEY

A London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of money. This was the winning answer:
“Money is an instrument that can buy you everything but happiness, and pay your fare to every place but HEAVEN.”

TOWARD HEAVEN

Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a person go to heaven. —*St. Camillus de Lellis*

PRAYER CORNER

TEACH ME TO LISTEN

Teach me to listen, “O” God, to those nearest me, my family, my friends, my co-workers. Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is,
“Accept the person I am. Listen to me”
Teach me to listen my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten; the cry of the anguished. Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence.
Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen